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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In the manuscript entitled “Crosstalk between gut microbiota and COVID-19 impacts pancreatic cancer progression” authors have tried to present an interesting phenomenon that COVID-19 infection caused alteration of gut microbiota may impact the progression of pancreatic cancer in patients via immune regulation. I have some minor comments to the text. The writing is poor. For example , a. “Additionally, we also proposed to explore the potential of modulating gut microbiota to create a favorable host environment to prevent both diseases, boost immune response, and reduce adverse prognostic outcomes by regulating the lung-gut-pancreases axis.” b. “In addition, treatment evaluation of synergistic strategies such as dual or multiple agents and targeting multiple targets are needed. ” Besides, to make this article more interesting, authors could try to reflect more of the clinical value, including its limitations.

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This is a comprehensive review regarding pancreatic cancer and gut microbiota in the context of COVID-19. I have no major concerns regarding the content or structure of the text. However the manuscript needs English editing.